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TESTIMONY OF RICHARD A. SODERMAN  
THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY  
and YANKEE GAS SERVICES COMPANY  
Planning and Development Committee—March 9, 2012

**H.B. 5407 AN ACT CONCERNING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES.**

My name is Richard Soderman and I serve as Director of Legislative Policy for Northeast Utilities Service Company. I am appearing on behalf of the Connecticut Light and Power Company and Yankee Gas Services Company.

This bill proposes to have the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection prepare make recommendations regarding performance standards for utilities and communications with municipalities. CL&P has initiated many activities related to improving performance in preparation for and during natural disasters like the two unprecedented storms that hit Connecticut last year. We are taking the recommendations issued by various studies, and turning them to action. We have worked with CCM to gain better insight as to how we can better communicate with municipalities during such events.

We do not oppose this bill. Other proposed bills address similar concerns. We suggest that whatever final legislation is enacted, that care is taken to not implement multiple requirements that are intended to accomplish the same ends.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this proposal.